

House File 2328 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2004)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to confidential records and juror
2 questionnaires.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 22.7, Code 2022, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 75. Juror questionnaires provided by the
4 judicial branch and completed for the purpose of jury service.

5 Sec. 2. Section 607A.47, Code 2022, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **607A.47 Juror questionnaire.**

8 ~~The court may, on its own motion, or upon the motion of a~~
9 ~~party to the case or upon the request of a juror, order the~~
10 ~~sealing or partial sealing of a completed juror questionnaire,~~
11 ~~if the court finds that it is necessary to protect the safety~~
12 ~~or privacy of a juror or a family member of a juror~~ The clerk
13 shall redact personally identifiable information in a juror
14 questionnaire prior to providing the juror questionnaire to a
15 member of the public upon a public records request, including
16 the juror's name, spouse's name, home street address, employer,
17 employer address, and phone number, as well as the names of any
18 other individuals in the questionnaire.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill relates to confidential records protected by Code
23 chapter 22 (public records) and juror questionnaires. Under
24 current law, a completed juror questionnaire is not protected
25 unless the court orders the sealing or partial sealing of a
26 completed juror questionnaire. The bill makes a completed
27 juror questionnaire a confidential record and it can only be
28 released by an order from the court, a lawful custodian of the
29 records, or by another person duly authorized to release such
30 information. The bill provides any confidential information
31 contained within the juror questionnaire shall be redacted by
32 the clerk prior to being released to the public when a public
33 record request has been received.